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News worth sharing.

Grey Cup bash a success for city

► Huddletown's location, family-friendly activities were key to 2010 festival ► Alouettes defeat the Roughriders for second straight year in 98th Grey Cup



NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

► Als quarterback Anthony Calvillo hoists the Grey Cup after Montreal's 21-18 win at Commonwealth Stadium last night. Calvillo announced after the game that he will undergo surgery soon to have a lesion in his throat removed. He says doctors told him biopsy results on whether it was cancerous were inconclusive. More coverage, pages 3 & 24.

All those who came to party are now leaving, but 2010 Grey Cup Festival organizers are glad they provided a great time — for the entire family.

"It was so cool just to see the little kids and (all) the things they could participate

in; it's not just a giant drinking affair anymore," said Marty Forbes, festival media liaison. Money raised from the rides will be donated to the Canadian military, a number Forbes expects could reach \$20,000.

Events and team gatherings were held

throughout the city over the weekend as an estimated 200,000 came to Edmonton.

"When you get to Grey Cup time, it's Canada's game," said Forbes. "It was just fun to see everybody partying regardless of where they came from." ● **HEATHER MCINTYRE**

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Council votes to bring Indy back in '11

The Edmonton Indy will return in 2011, after city council voted to approve a \$3-million deal on Friday.

The city will contribute \$2 million from new parking revenue and local businesses will chip in the rest.

The deal will relocate the track to the east side of the City Centre Airport. The runway closed last summer will be part of the track and will be a parking lot the rest of the year.

It is expected that a deal between the city and Octane Racing will be signed this week.

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► The Indy is set to return to Edmonton.

Man dies in snowmobile accident

A European man visiting Canada is dead following a snowmobile wreck in Strathcona County on Saturday.

The man, in his 40s, struck a barbed-wire fence in a rural field near Range Road 245 and Highway 14, according to police.

RCMP as well as Strathcona Emergency Services responded to the scene at approximately 3 p.m.

The man, who was wearing a helmet, sustained serious upper-body injuries and was pronounced dead at the scene.

Operator inexperience is believed to have been a factor, police said.

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► Fans, from left, Richard Gauvin of Montreal, Jeremy Shaw and Kevin Pudwell of Medicine Hat, Monique Dion of St. Donat, Quebec, and Leo Drolet of Montreal showed their Alouettes pride prior to the 98th Grey Cup.

Fans show true colours

► Spirit of Edmonton shines through sea of green at Commonwealth Stadium ► All CFL team hues were worn with pride at 98th Grey Cup



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No one would have called the Montreal Alouettes the underdog team heading into yesterday's Grey Cup.

But their fans may have felt like underdogs amidst the estimated 45,000 Roughriders fans that helped fill out a sold-out Commonwealth Stadium.

"(There's) too much green. Really, too much

green," said Leo Drolet, in town from Montreal for his seventh Grey Cup in a row. "But football fans are really good fans. I think they're the best fans in the world."

Drolet wasn't the only one not from Edmonton enjoying the tailgate festivities before kickoff, but many host fans kept their tickets despite the home team not making the big game.

"(We came) just to show pride and spirit in Edmon-

ton in general," said Louanne Lohnes, in attendance with her husband, Gary. "And to watch a good football game."

Eskimos' fan Dave Trithart had a hard time watching Montreal and Saskatchewan fans have a chance to cheer on their teams for the hardware but was excited to experience his first Grey Cup.

Lauren Hills, at her second, figured Saskatchewan was the second best choice

Big numbers

- Tickets for the 98th Grey Cup sold out 173 days — a record.
- Approximately 200,000 people descended on the city from across the country for the festivities.

to Edmonton, who she is sure will make it next year.

"It's better than seeing Calgary here," she said with a laugh.



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► Candy Cane Lane volunteers are looking for more helpers to create the annual light display. Pictured is a home from the 2006 display.

Turn on the lights

► Volunteers will set up Dec. 4-5 ► Lights will be on Dec. 10 until Jan. 2



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Thanks to a volunteer movement, Candy Cane Lane may be a bit brighter this year.

Kees Dan Hartigh, a

lane resident and president of the Society for the Preservation of Candy Cane Lane, said that many are aware that participation in the annual lights display has been weakened.

"Most of the people are

getting older; they need help setting up," he said.

Shaw is sending out picker trucks to help with the tall, massive displays, and any other Edmontonians interested in preserving a local tradition can help out during

the volunteer set up.

The lane stretches for 10 west-end city blocks along 148 Street, between 100 Avenue and 92 Avenue, and has been decorated during the Christmas season for more than three decades.

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Hospital to roll out 20 transition beds: AHS

By tomorrow, there will be 20 new transition beds at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, as Alberta Health Services (AHS) aims to relieve pressure in emergency rooms.

"(Transition beds) are intended for patients who no longer require acute or hospital based care," said AHS's Tadra Boulton.

Those in transition care are still assessed based on their needs, whether they are for long-term, community or assisted living care, or heading home.

Boulton said the transi-

279 The beds announced for Edmonton and Calgary this week are in addition to the 279 that were already announced this year.

tion beds are one piece of a system that needs strategies implemented in order to help patient flow. The new beds will free up some acute care beds, although long-term care beds and facilities are still needed.

"We can't do it all overnight," she said.

An additional 29 beds will open in Edmonton in the new year, and 32 will open up in Calgary.

The Edmonton portion will cost \$9.4 million.

A total of 80 staff will be hired as a result of the expansion, including nursing staff. ● HEATHER MCINTYRE

HEALTH

Robotic surgeries a success

Alberta Health Services says a high-tech, less invasive surgical tool to treat gynecologic cancers is helping more patients than ever before.

More than 50 gynecologic surgeries have been performed in Edmonton during the

first 11 months of 2010 using the robotic-assisted da Vinci System, surpassing the 31 total procedures performed in 2009.

AHS says in a news release that the annual number of robotic-assisted gynecologic surgeries should continue to rise as local oncologists make more use of the surgical tool.

On the Canadian prairies, only Edmonton's Royal Alexandra Hospital offers the treatment option. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Passenger emergency forces flight landing

An Air Canada flight en route to Toronto from Vancouver was forced to make an emergency stop in Calgary yesterday.

Once grounded, a middle-aged man aboard the plane was rushed to hospital in life-threatening condition.

The cause of the man's distress was not publicly released. ● METRO

Edmonton economist to helm Alta. Liberals

The Alberta Liberal Party has a new president.

Erick Ambtman, an economist from Edmonton, was elected during an annual general meeting in Red Deer over the weekend.

The 32-year-old had previously served as the party's regional chair for Edmonton. ● METRO

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Gift wrap that keeps on giving

► Campaign raised \$12K last year



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Those getting their gifts wrapped at Londonderry Mall are not only helping themselves this Christmas.

The annual Twelve Days of Toonies campaign offers early shoppers gift wrapping services at the hands of military members and their families for only \$2, and raises money for the Edmonton Garrison's Military Family Resource Cen-

"For us, just volunteering is something we can do for a community that we're a part of anyway."

CPL. JEAN-ANN GOODWIN

tre (MFRC).

"For us, just volunteering is something we can do for a community that we're a part of anyway," said Cpl. Jean-Ann Goodwin, a supply tech with the 1st Battalion of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. "And then if we deploy ... it supports our families."

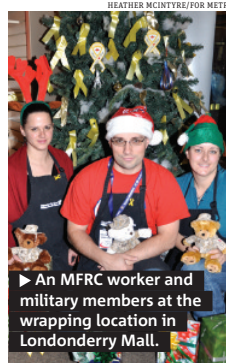
Goodwin's parents live

in Nova Scotia.

"So it goes a long ways," she said.

The centre offers programming for both families and youth, ranging from childcare to Christmas potlucks, said Nancy Forest, a MFRC social worker.

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► An MFRC worker and military members at the wrapping location in Londonderry Mall.

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► A multi-coloured display of poinsettias was unveiled in the feature pyramid at the Muttart Conservatory over the weekend.

Cute, cuddly, threatened

The poinsettia display, centred around a polar bear theme, will continue until Jan. 10. The sale of the Polar Bear poinsettias — a white variety — will go to Polar Bears International, to help conserve polar bears and their habitat through research and education.

The grinch who stole alcohol

Albertans will have to settle for regular strength beer after the province has stripped liquor store shelves of overly strong brews.

The federal government has deemed any beer with over 11.9 per cent alcohol content as a spirit, prompting the Alberta Liquor and Gaming Commission to stop sales.

The strong beer won't be sold again until the commission receives a report of federal regulations.

Most beers have an alcohol content of around five per cent.

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Guilty plea in prisoner assault case

An Alberta RCMP officer has pleaded guilty to assaulting a prisoner in a detachment cell. Cst. Desmond Sandboe admitted to beating a prisoner in a cell at the Lac La Biche detachment on Sept. 13, 2009.

In a statement, Supt. Joe Loran, acting commanding officer of K Division, said the incident is "appalling." Loran said Sandboe, a nine-year veteran of the RCMP, has violated the public's trust and has done a great disservice to other RCMP members. Sandboe will be sentenced on Jan. 27. THE CANADIAN PRESS



► Boys ride on a bicycle past voters gathered outside a polling station during general elections in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, yesterday.

More woe for Haiti with chaotic election

- Man shot to death at a polling place in Artibonite
- Several deaths in recent weeks due to political clashes

Nearly all the major candidates in Haiti's presidential election have backed a statement calling for the cancellation of yesterday's election.

The statement read to a cheering crowd also calls for people to take to the streets to protest allegations of fraud.

Candidate Anne Marie Josette Bijou read the statement on behalf of 12 of the 19 candidates.

They accuse current President Rene Preval of favouring candidate Jude Celestin of his Unity party.

Election trouble

Those on the ground in Haiti predicted a chaotic election day.

- More than 4.7 million voters are registered on electoral lists. Monitors with the United Nations acknowledge that hundreds of thousands are people who died in the earthquake.
- Preliminary results were not expected until Dec. 7.

There are widespread reports of people unable to vote. Many have been told their names are not on voter lists.

It is not yet clear whether the problems are due to fraud or merely a result of disorganization following the January earthquake.

With most poll stations opening late, observers from dozens of parties crowded voting areas and furious voters were turned away from stations where poll workers could not find their names on lists. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

IMMIGRATION

Flunk rate for citizen test jumps

Failure rates for immigrants writing citizenship tests have soared since the spring, when tougher questions and revamped rules made it harder for newcomers to become Canadian.

The new test, introduced March 15, was based on a bulked-up citizenship guide released a year ago to give immigrants a richer pic-

ture of Canada's history, culture, law and politics.

The 63-page guide, Discover Canada, replaced a slimmer volume dating from 1995 that had fewer facts to memorize. The failure rate for the old citizenship test, with questions drawn from the smaller guide, ranged between four and eight per cent. Failure rates for the new test, however, rocketed to about 30 per cent when it was first introduced — prompting officials to revise the rules to avoid a raft of appeals clogging the system.

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Hidden kids puzzle cops

Police in York, Pa., are piecing together the details of a case where five children — ranging in ages from two to 13 — were locked away by their parents in a squalid row house with no heat, electricity or running water. They also had no birth certificates, no schooling, no immunizations or evidence of medical care — nothing whatsoever to prove their existence. Police were alerted to the situation after a child welfare agency received an anonymous tip.

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Latest leaks show U.S. diplomacy

► WikiLeaks releases more than 250,000 U.S. State Department cables in defiance of White House ► As many as 2,648 documents refer to Canada

The revelations

Hundreds of thousands of documents leaked yesterday revealed a hidden world of backstage international diplomacy.

Nuclear fears

The cables detail U.S., Israeli and Arab world fears of Iran's growing nuclear program and U.S. concerns about Pakistan's atomic arsenal.

Information gathering

There are American memos encouraging U.S. diplomats at the United Nations to collect detailed data about the U.S. secretary general, his team and foreign diplomats.

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WIKI LEAKS



Foreign Affairs Minister Lawrence Cannon called a massive leak of U.S. documents "deplorable" yesterday.

The leak "may threaten our national security," Cannon said in a statement.

The criticism came as several news outlets began publishing American diplomatic cables obtained by whistleblower website WikiLeaks. Soon after, the cables were available to the public at wikileaks.org.

The documents touch on everything from the release of Guantanamo Bay

prisoners and Iran's military capabilities to Libyan leader Moammar Ghaddafi's eccentricities and U.S. efforts to spy on United Nations officials.

A total of 1,948 cables originating from U.S. diplomats in Ottawa and hundreds of others from various consulates appear to be among the leaked materials.

WikiLeaks confirmed yesterday there would be as many as 2,648 documents that refer to Canada.

The vast majority of these cables are not expected to become public until sometime this week, but the website offered some hints about the broad range of topics they

cover: arms control, CBC coverage, energy technology, Haiti, military nuclear applications, provincial affairs and Syria.

One of the few documents released yesterday to mention Canada described a 2009 meeting, which Ben Rowsell attended, the representative of Canada in Kandahar, who joined in asking about the credibility of Afghan elections.

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► WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange

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► **Leslie Nielsen, star of Airplane! and Naked Gun films, dies aged 84 in Fort Lauderdale**

Leslie Nielsen, who traded in his dramatic persona for inspired bumbling as a hapless doctor in *Airplane!* and the accident-prone detective Frank Drebin in *The Naked Gun* comedies, died yesterday in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. He was 84.

The Canadian-born actor died from complications from pneumonia at a hospital near his home at 5:34 p.m., surrounded by his wife, Barbaree, and friends, his agent John S. Kelly said in a statement.

"We are saddened by the passing of beloved actor Leslie Nielsen, probably best remembered as Lt. Frank Drebin in *The Naked Gun* series of pictures, but who enjoyed a more than 60-year career in motion pictures and television," said Kelly.

Nielsen came to Holly-



► Leslie Nielsen pictured here with his wife, Barbaree.

wood in the mid-1950s after performing in 150 live television dramas in New York.

He became known as a serious actor, although behind the camera he was a prankster.

That was an aspect of his personality never exploited, however, until *Air-*

plane! was released in 1980 and became a huge hit. After *Airplane's* success, Nielsen was cast in his other iconic role, Detective Frank Drebin in a TV series, *Police Squad*, later made into a feature film, *The Naked Gun*, and a series of sequels.

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Sun TV news gets go-ahead

Canadians are about to get a third 24-hour English-language cable news channel, and it's one that plans to shake up the industry.

The CRTC approved a five-year licence for Sun TV news service Friday — referred to by critics as Fox News North — to go into direct competition with CBC's News Network and the CTV News Channel.

The federal regulator's green light was considered a sure thing after Quebecor Inc. dropped its re-

quest for a special licence that would have required cable and satellite carriers to offer the service.

The Category 2 competitive licence means Sun TV will need to negotiate with cable and satellite carriers for a place on their lineup. Sun TV head Luc Lavoie said he expects the channel will begin airing some time in March with a combination of hard news and "straight talk" featuring well-known personalities.

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Technology. iPhone



► iPhone fans try out Apple's latest iPhone 4 models in Tokyo.

Rising sun for Apple in Japan

The iPhone's popularity in Japan is cracking open an industry long thought inaccessible to outsiders. For years, the typical Japanese cellphone, built to operate on a network hardly used anywhere else in the world, has been stuffed with quirky games and other applications that cater to finicky local tastes.

Big banks in good health

► Earnings to increase by up to nine per cent for year

The big news on the Toronto stock market in the days ahead will be a slew of fourth-quarter earnings reports from Canada's biggest banks, which are expected to paint a healthier picture of Canada's financial institutions.

Royal Bank of Canada, Bank of Montreal, TD Canada Trust, CIBC and Scotiabank and National Bank of Canada are scheduled to report their fourth quarter earnings over the next two weeks.

The banks' capital markets divisions — which were a big drag on bank earnings in the prior quarter — are expected to show an improvement in the

three months ended Oct. 31.

But the banks' strong domestic foothold in consumer banking provides the foundation for robust earnings growth, said Jonathan Popper, assistant vice-president and senior portfolio manager at MFC Global Investment Management.

"Canada's been in the sweet spot, our real-estate market has been strong, interest rates are low," he said.

However, TD Bank and Royal Bank of Canada could see less significant growth than their peers, dragged by operations in the United States. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Billionaire wins pair of giant truffles at auction

A Macau casino mogul bid \$330,000 US for a pair of white truffles, including one weighing about two pounds, matching the record price he paid at the same event three years ago for one of the giant fungi.

Billionaire Stanley Ho made the winning bid Saturday at a charity auction through representatives of his company, Sociedade de Jogos de Macau.

The pair included a huge truffle dug up in the central Tuscany region weighing about 900 grams as well as one found in Molise weighing about 400 grams.

In 2007, Ho paid \$330,000 for a white truffle unearthed in Tuscany weighing about 1.497 kilograms.

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Qantas CEO takes to the sky in jumbo jet

A Qantas A380 carrying more than 450 passengers, including the airline's chief executive, took to the skies Saturday in the first flight by one of its superjumbos since a midair engine explosion three weeks ago triggered a global safety review.

Qantas CEO Alan Joyce said he was flying the first leg of the Sydney-Singapore-London flight as a sign of the airline's conviction that it had completed all modifications and other checks on the Rolls-Royce engines, and the planes were safe to fly.

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It's a business truism that the best loss to take is the first one.

Apparently, the panjandrum of the public purse in Edmonton have never heard that saying. After losing money on the first Indy, they went back to the public trough for more and are getting ready to do so again.

To date, we have plowed about \$12 million into the Indy and now the fans of fiscal folly want to put another \$3 million into it. And if I understand it correctly, that's on top of \$5.5 million worth of sponsorship and \$1.5 million of free police, transit and other services.

The feds have backed out be-

cause they only wanted to help fund the Indy if it could be shown to be sustainable. We couldn't do that, so no more money from them. I think that's a smart move. I can't help but wonder if our inability to make the Indy work had something to do with Ottawa's decision not to back Edmonton's bid for the Expo.

At the very least, our inability to get the numbers for the Indy right allowed them to say with some authority that we un-

derestimated the security costs and the like. But having the feds say the Indy isn't worth

investing in is not going to stop our civic masters of moolah from keeping on keeping on. Apparently, we are all about beating a dead horse in this city.

The amount of money that has been wasted on the Indy can be put into sharp focus

when you look at the kind of funding the city provides for festivals in the city. For 2010, the

Edmonton Folk Music Festival received the princely sum of \$130,000. LitFest received \$12,000. The Heritage Festival got \$55,000. And the Ice on Whyte Festival got a paltry \$5,000. Given that the grant numbers did not change, the amount of money we put into the Indy would provide grants for our festivals for almost the next 14 years.

So here's my question. Do the taxpayers of Edmonton really want the Indy? I know people attend the event, but is it more worthy of financing than the Folk Festival or the Works?

If you don't think so, you might just want to send your councillor an email indicating that you don't want them to approve any additional expenditure for an American vroom-vroom festival.

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CANADA'S ENVIRONMENT MINISTER



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Symbol of transformation

Worth mentioning

Sometimes a dress is just a dress. But not in Kate Middleton's case.

Her wedding dress will be the symbol of her transformation from commoner to princess, from Kate to Catherine, and define her image to billions of people as they watch her exchange vows with Prince William next spring.

This dress must be elegant, memorable and perfectly fitted. There are delicate balances to be struck: Modern but traditional; alluring but not too sexy; classy but not overly opulent — more grown up than Princess Diana's famous meringue

Ultimate choice



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confection, with its puffy sleeves and 25-foot train.

Whatever the ultimate choice, expectations are sky high. Middleton has natural good looks and a radiant smile — people seem to wish her well, even if she will be able to afford a dream dress that is far beyond most people's reach.

"I'm not sure if she

could pull off a Diana dress, but it would be great if she had something that magnificent," said Mary Alders, 32, a secretary who is looking forward to the royal wedding. "Whatever it is, everyone will want it. I can see it as silk, maybe some beading. It definitely will be spectacular." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Metro Minute with a Christmas Elf

Local seniors will benefit from you becoming a Christmas Elf. Unwrapped gifts, such as blankets, socks and toiletries are being collected for seniors and housebound residents through the city's Meals on Wheels program.

"On any given day, we have 500 clients," said Ker-ryn North, manager of marketing and fund

development. "(And) most of them are living on their own in their home."

North said the Meals on Wheels program is a large part of why many clients are able to live where they are. Donations can be dropped off at 11111-103 Ave. on weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. To arrange for collection, call 780-429-2020. HEATHER MCINTYRE



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► Become a Christmas Elf and help local seniors and housebound residents this holiday season.

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Going offline to plug people into awareness

- ▶ Celebrities to support World AIDS Day by signing off Twitter, Facebook
- ▶ Aiming to raise \$1 million

Alicia Keys and Lady Gaga take charity work seriously, and they're going offline to prove it.

Gaga, Justin Timberlake, Usher and other celebrities have joined a new campaign called Digital Life Sacrifice on behalf of Keys' charity, Keep a Child Alive. The entertainers plan to sign off of social media platforms like Facebook and Twitter on Wednesday, which is World AIDS Day. The participants will sign back on when the charity raises \$1 million.

"It's really important and super-cool to use mediums that we naturally are on," Keys said in a phone interview from New York last week.

For the campaign — which also includes Jennifer Hudson, Ryan Seacrest, Kim and Khloe Kardashian, Elijah Wood, Serena Williams, Janelle Monae and Keys' husband, Swizz Beatz — celebrities

have filmed last tweet and testament videos and will appear in ads showing them lying in coffins to represent what the campaign calls their digital deaths.

"It's so important to shock you to the point of waking up," Keys said.

The foundation, which began in 2003, will accept donations through text messages and bar-code technology, which is featured in the charity's Buy Life campaign. Raised efforts support families affected by HIV/AIDS in Africa and India.

"We're trying to sort of make the remark: Why do we care so much about the death of one celebrity as opposed to millions and millions of people dying in the place that we're all from?" said Leigh Blake, the president and co-founder of Keep a Child Alive.

When she began recruiting others, not one person said no, Keys recalled.

"I have a feeling that Gaga is going to raise it all by herself," Blake said. Lady Gaga has more than 7.2 million followers on Twitter, and nearly 24 million fans on Facebook.

"She's got a very, very mobilized fan base and that's beautiful to watch I think (and) she's able to draw their attention to these issues that are very important, you know, and that people follow it and act."

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"I have a feeling that Gaga is going to raise it all by herself."

LEIGH BLAKE, THE PRESIDENT AND CO-FOUNDER OF KEEP A CHILD ALIVE, SPEAKING ABOUT LADY GAGA'S ONLINE PRESENCE



▶ Alicia Keys, who has more than 2.6 million followers on Twitter, has vowed to go offline until they meet their fundraising goals for World AIDS Day.



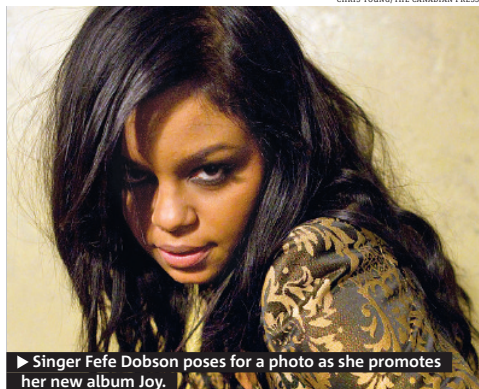
Busted

A U.S. Border Patrol spokesman says country singer Willie Nelson was charged with marijuana possession after six ounces was found aboard his tour bus in Texas. The spokesman said an officer smelled pot when a door was opened and a search turned up marijuana. The police were then contacted and Nelson was among three people arrested. The singer was held briefly before posting a \$2,500 US bond and being released.

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Outspoken Dr. Laura follows Howard Stern to satellite radio



▶ Singer Fefe Dobson poses for a photo as she promotes her new album Joy.

Fefe finds her voice

In the seven years since Fefe Dobson last released an album, she's largely swapped her punky style and snarl for a more mature look and radio-ready pop polish.

And she doesn't feel like she has to apologize for the change, drastic though it may seem.

"I started writing my first record when I was 17, I'm 25 now," Dobson said in an interview at a down-

town Toronto pool hall this week. "If I was the same person as I was when I was 17, there'd be a problem. There'd be a really big problem."

"I'd still be wearing — well, I don't know, what I was wearing then. And some of that stuff wasn't good, that's all I can say."

The past seven years weren't all necessarily good for Dobson, either.

Two early singles failed

to chart and the record never came out. In 2006, she was dropped from her label, Island/Def Jam, and she had to start again as an indie artist.

Dobson is actually now back with the same label that dropped her four years ago. But she says she's found her voice over the past few years, adding: "I stopped trying to be like other people."

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Butt-kicking women of NCIS

► Cote de Pablo & Pauley Perrette play the only crime-fighting women on the show ► Both say that they relish in their roles and characters



► Pauley Perrette plays forensic specialist Abby on NCIS.



Being the only girls in the crime-fighting world of NCIS can be daunting, but series stars Cote de Pablo and Pauley Perrette insist the familial atmosphere of the show — now filming its eighth season — keeps them from feeling left out.

In fact, de Pablo says the combination is just right. "It's very rare when you have a top-rated show," says the actress, who

joined the cast in the third season.

"If you were to take out any of these characters, you would be messing with the chemistry."

Playing Ziva, a former Mossad agent, calls for more than a few stunts, which de Pablo relishes. "Nothing gets me more pumped than a really good fight sequence," says de Pablo.

There are risks, of course. "At a certain point, you may get hurt," she

says. "Certainly, I've had injuries. The simplest things are the ones that hurt you."

"I did one fall and my neck was basically shot for about two weeks."

Perrette's role as forensic specialist Abby isn't nearly as physical, but it instead calls for something of a mental workout.

"I have probably four hours of studying to do tonight," she says. "The things that Abby has to say, there's no way to do

that without studying."

"I've got props and microscopes and mass spectrometers and so many things to do that if you're not super-prepared, I don't think there'd be any way you could play Abby."

Both actresses have found strong relationships to play off of with their male co-stars, especially with series star Mark Harmon, who plays NCIS supervisor Leroy Gibbs.

"I've always, always felt that their relationship was so incredibly paternal," Perrette says of Abby and her boss.

"Gibbs lost his daughter, Abby doesn't have a father, and that right there lays the groundwork for that relationship."

For de Pablo, the paternal feelings apply as well, especially since she was a later addition to the cast.

"I really think that Ziva has found a family in this agency," she says.

But for as much as Harmon's character offers fatherly comfort on-screen, the show's lead actor is more like an obnoxious little brother off-screen.

"Pranks happen all the time on our show," de Pablo says.

There was even one involving an already-dead lizard, a noose and a note.

"On the noose there was a note saying, 'I couldn't take it anymore.' The amount of thought that goes into that ... it's a Mark Harmon prank," she says.



A sitcom time capsule

TV can be time machines to another era, and a perfect example is The Mary Tyler Moore Show.

The '70s sitcom is among several currently airing on the CTV-owned specialty channel Comedy Gold.

The station offers old school sitcoms like Murphy Brown and Fresh Prince of Bel Air. How much you are attached to each show depends on how old you were when you first saw them.

What is fascinating about The Mary Tyler Moore Show today is that it is seldom laugh-out-loud funny.

The appeal of the show, about a single woman trying to "make it on her own" in a TV newsroom, completely eludes my 17-

year-old who was raised on The Simpsons.

The grip Mary Tyler Moore still has on Boomers is due to the cast.

For viewers who grew up with the series, watching it today is like flipping through an old family album. Mary Richards (Moore), Mr. Grant (Ed Asner), Murray (Gavin MacLeod), Rhoda (Valerie Harper), Phyllis (Cloris Leachman), Ted Baxter (the late Ted Knight) and, later in the series, Sue Ann Nivens (Betty White) seem like old friends.

Many in the cast are actually still working in TV. Eight time Emmy-winner Leachman, 84, is a regular on Fox's *Raising Hope*. Asner, 81, is shooting the new comedy *Working Class* for CMT. White, 88,

has had the greatest late career renaissance of all, with Moore, 73, joining her for a guest stint in the New Year on White's comedy *Hot in Cleveland*.

What isn't in vogue is the pacing. Scenes go on for five minutes and there are few set changes.

TV moves faster today, with more commercials per half hour. The quickness seems tailor-made to suit today's shorter attention spans. What can be lost, however, are those little moments that stick in your mind years after a show has gone off the air.

The Mary Tyler Moore Show found a way to take a nothing day and make it all seem worthwhile — a comedy blueprint that never seems to go out of style. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



► The Mary Tyler Moore Show is one of the classic sitcoms audiences still love today.

TV picks

Return of E!

NETWORK. Introductory programming includes *True Hollywood Story: The Kardashians* and *Chelsea's Big Interview Special*, featuring comic Chelsea Handler's chats with Gwyneth Paltrow, Anne Hathaway and Christina Aguilera. Handler's *Chelsea Lately* also makes its debut. (E!)

No one spared

COMEDY. Just for Laughs comedy special, *Ethnic Difficulties* features politically incorrect stand-up comics of backgrounds such as Indo-Canadian, Filipino-Canadian and Jewish-American. (CBC) **CANADIAN PRESS**

INXS seek new Fortune

► Band tears apart old songs for new album ► Re-imagines them on new Original Sin with Canadian singer

A new collection of reinterpreted INXS classics really resonated with J.D. Fortune — not to mention his neighbours.

"I almost got evicted because of the Drum Opera," Fortune laughed in a recent telephone interview, referring to the propulsive opening track on the new disc, *Original Sin*, which comes out Tuesday.

"I was in my condo here in L.A. and I had the landlord himself — who lives in another building — come up and tell me to turn it down."

"I played the Drum Opera like six times in a row and drank the biggest glass of red wine you've ever seen. He's like, 'Man, I hate to bother you, but we've had some complaints. Three miles away."

Fortune

What really happened?

► Star Fortune shot to stardom when he won the television reality contest *Rock Star: INXS* in '05 and became the new frontman for the band. Later that year, he sang on the group's record, *Switch*, which topped the Canadian charts. But after nearly two years of touring behind the record, Fortune claimed the band dumped him at a Hong Kong airport, leaving him to live out of a truck, a story the band denied.

You might want to turn that down."

Indeed, restraint wasn't

really on the menu when the band approached this project, seeking instead to twist their familiar songs into unrecognizable new shapes.

Fortune, the Mississauga, Ont., native who has been an on-again, off-again member of INXS since winning a reality TV show in 2005, sings one track on the album (*The Stairs*) but will take the lead vocals once again for their upcoming Australian tour.

For the rest of the record, the Aussie band — whose original frontman Michael Hutchence died in 1997 — enlisted a variety of guest singers, including Ben Harper, Rob Thomas and Tricky, for the 12-track album.

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► J.D. Fortune has had an up and down ride with INXS.



Shades of brilliance

► Stuff White People Like author offers up another insight into culture

Author Christian Lander says he's still shocked by the success of his megahit blog-turned-book *Stuff White People Like*.

"I'm a little neurotic — I sort of always assume for the worst — so I didn't think the first book was going to do well. I was super nervous. And then it did well and I was amazed they let me do a second one," he said.

That second book is *Whiter Shades of Pale*, a humorous look at regional differences within North American white culture.

"The Toronto white person is urban and stylish, and you could say that they are exactly like the New York white person — of three years ago," Lander, a Toronto native, writes in the new book.

Lander describes white Montrealers as: "one of the

New material



Material for the follow-up book was collected while on book tour for *Stuff White People Like*.

► Why it helped It helped him differentiate between white people in Boston (love their hometown's blue-collar roots, self-conscious about Harvard ties), New York (perpetually angry, constantly remind you they actually live in New York), and Europe (consume massive meals but are hardly ever overweight, have incredibly soft hands from months of state-sanctioned time off).

► Other work Lander is currently working as a staff writer for an upcoming MTV animated comedy called *Good Vibes*.

son on the whole West Coast."

"They have out-yogged Los Angeles, out-Asian-fetished San Francisco, and out-outdoored Seattle. All three are nearly impossible tasks and yet Vancouver has been able to pull them off!" Lander wrote.

"The only activity you won't find them engaging in is work."

Lander's first book was a bestseller. His website has received nearly 75 million hits.

"I've been completely surprised that I've been able to do it, I'm really, really lucky, it's been awesome," said the author, who lives with his wife in Los Angeles.

As for whether there'll be a third book, he's not sure and says he hasn't started writing one.

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► Christian Lander, author of *Whiter Shades of Pale*.

more intimidating white people on the continent."

"The Montreal white person can speak perfect French and is probably in a

band you haven't heard of yet. But you will."

And Vancouver's white people are described as "the most elite white per-

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Hitting the write notes

► According one author, Elvis — the king of rock 'n' roll — was more of a pop singer than we may think



Music criticism may not always be the most fun reading material on which to get your hands.

But that changes when it's written by Will Friedwald.

Friedwald passionately and entertainingly chronicles some 300 artists — the masters of jazz and popular music — in his new book, *A Biographical Guide to the Great Jazz*

and Pop Singers.

"The idea was to talk about the singers who have done the American Songbook and place them on a level playing field.

"I didn't want to make divisions between so-called jazz singers and pop singers and Broadway singers," Friedwald says about bringing together various genres.

But the biographical histories of these iconic American musicians are not limited to those of the past.

It's artists such as Jamie Cullum, Michael Bublé and Harry Connick Jr. who represent the newer side of the musical spectrum, according to Friedwald.

"Music is going in all kinds of directions," Friedwald says.

"There's a lot of great contemporary people out there."

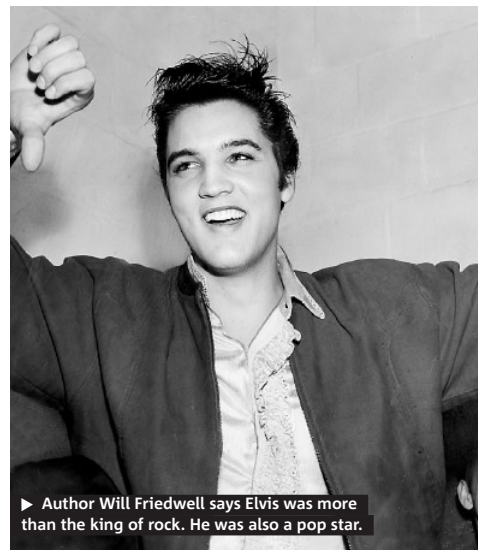
Friedwald also includes an extended section in the book containing short biographies of musical greats from other genres such as rock 'n' roll, blues,

gospel, country and folk rock.

"One of the conclusions I came away with was that Elvis was more of a traditional pop singer than you might think.

"Obviously, he was the king of rock 'n' roll, but he was the last one in the continuity of Bing Crosby and Frank Sinatra."

A *Biographical Guide to the Great Jazz and Pop Singers* was released this month to very positive reviews.



► Author Will Friedwell says Elvis was more than the king of rock. He was also a pop star.

Taylor and Jake have a happy holiday

Jake Gyllenhaal, 29, and Taylor Swift, 20, had quite a busy U.S. holiday weekend.

After first being spotted Thanksgiving Day in Brooklyn, N.Y., enjoying

lattes at a cafe near Jake's sister Maggie Gyllenhaal's place, the rumored couple popped up a couple days later in Swift's hometown of Nashville, according to People magazine.

"They were not trying to be discreet by any means," a source says. "They were definitely a couple. They looked very happy."

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▶ Jake Gyllenhaal was spotted with country star Taylor Swift over the U.S. Thanksgiving weekend.

Celebrity tweets



Conan O'Brien
[@ConanOBrien] As

if the TSA couldn't get any creepier, today they announced they're changing their name to Uncle TSA.



Russell Brand
[@rustyrockets] On behalf

of the Queen I accept the thanks of all Americans. Now if you can just curb the silly accent we can start again.



Sarah Silverman
[@SarahKSilverman]

Chris Columbus murdered the peaceful natives of this land, but I'm still pretty thankful for Home Alone.

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Travolta fights allegations of his infidelity

John Travolta isn't taking rumors about him cheating on his wife with other men lightly.

The actor is suing the website Gawker.com for posting excerpts from Robert Randolph's self-published book, *The Secret Sex Life of John Travolta*, according to Gossip Cop.

Travolta's lawyer, Marty Singer, calls the claims "false and outrageous" and

says the assertion that his client "engaged in multiple adulterous sexual encounters in different public locations in Los Angeles (where he does not live), and that each time, the (non-existent) events were coincidentally witnessed by (Randolph), is absolutely ridiculous," according to a five-page letter sent to Gawker.

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Jolie-Pitt clan spend holiday in Paris

Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt spent their U.S. Thanksgiving holiday weekend relocating to Paris, where both will be doing promotional work for their films, according to People magazine.

The Jolie-Pitt clan celebrated their arrival in the French capital with some shopping, taking daughters Zahara and Shiloh out to a boutique. "Angelina was great," a source says. "She's patient, and a very hands-on mother, making certain everything fits." The source adds that Pitt was "very agreeable, absolutely polite and excellent with the girls."

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▶ Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie.

Lohan out for Thanksgiving

REHAB. After a morning workout at a nearby gym, Lindsay Lohan enjoyed a quiet Thanksgiving at her West Hollywood apartment while on leave for the day from the Betty Ford Center, according to TMZ.

Guests at the dinner included her father, Michael Lohan, and ex-girlfriend Samantha Ronson.

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Raising children in the limelight's glare

► For celebs, bringing up kids can be daunting ► Their kids' clothes and hairstyles face constant tabloid scrutiny ► But Hollywood moms like Katherine Heigl say the 'overwhelming love' for a child is the only thing that matters



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Being a parent is tough enough, but the glare of the limelight can complicate things, with the paparazzi, the pre-school politics and the increased risk of screwing up your kids.

"It's one of those things I

think that you just have to dive in blindly," says Katherine Heigl, who recently adopted a baby girl from China with husband Josh Kelley.

"It's that overwhelming love that makes us want to procreate. No one would do it otherwise as it is just so intense."

Perhaps the single most

famous Hollywood mom, Angelina Jolie, has been learning firsthand how hard the celebrity spotlight can be on children: Her daughter, Shiloh, has become a subject of tabloid attention herself at just four years old thanks to her unconventional hairstyle and boyish clothing choices.

"She likes to dress like a boy. She wants to be a boy," Jolie told Vanity Fair. "So we had to cut her hair. She likes to wear boys' everything. She thinks she's one of the brothers." But should what a toddler wears be fodder for magazine covers just because she's the daughter of famous actors?

Since Hollywood can be a pretty strange place to begin with, a lot of celebrity parents do their best to make things as normal as possible for their kids.

"I still take my kid to school every day and put him to bed every night," says super-busy producer and director JJ Abrams. "I don't work on weekends."

Showbiz: The next generation

Long before Macaulay Culkin smacked the after-shave on his cheeks in *Home Alone*, kids have been stealing the show in Hollywood. And while childhood stardom can often lead to less-than-savoury adult lives, some have managed to be successful on both sides of their 18th birthday — Elijah Wood and Jodie Foster come to mind, among others.

Metro takes a look at some promising youngsters who look like they can avoid the True Hollywood Story treatment. **NED EHRBAR**



Chloe Moretz

After slicing apart bad guys in *Kick-Ass* and sinking her teeth into unsuspecting adults as a vampire in *Let Me In*, 13-year-old Chloe Moretz might be a little intimidating to some people. But the refreshingly down-to-earth actress insists there's nothing to be scared of. "I'm just a normal 13-year-old girl," she says. And while some might worry about Moretz taking on such gruesome material, she's very good at discerning reality from fantasy. "It was all acting. It was making up a character that I'm not," she says of her work in the bloody *Let Me In*.



Jaden and Willow Smith

When your parents are megastars Will Smith and Jada Pinkett Smith, it likely doesn't take much to get used to the spotlight. After stealing scenes from his dad in *The Pursuit of Happyness*, 12-year-old Jaden became a movie star in his own right this summer with his *The Karate Kid* remake, co-starring Jackie Chan.

But before he could enjoy the attention, nine-year-old sister Willow came along to steal it with her surprise hit single *Whip My Hair*. Imagine what they'll do when they hit puberty.



Callan McAuliffe

At 15 years old, Australian Callan McAuliffe is already breaking hearts after starring in Rob Reiner's *Flipped* this summer as one half of a 1960s teen romance.

And his profile is about to skyrocket with his next role in the hotly anticipated *I Am Number Four*, based on the teen sci-fi novel.

But just because lots of people have been seeing his work, that doesn't mean McAuliffe has as well. "I hate watching myself, as do a lot of actors," he says.



Kodi Smit-McPhee

Like his *Let Me In* co-star Moretz, 14-year-old Kodi Smit-McPhee has been dealing with some hefty adult themes. He first won acclaim as the Boy in last year's adaptation of Cormac McCarthy's bleak *The Road* before romancing a vampire this year.

Luckily, he's had concerned adults around to help shield him from some of the mature subject matter. "We always remained protective of Kodi as a crew," says *The Road* director John Hillcoat. "There was a lot of black humour; you can imagine the jokes about cannibalism."

CRAZY CELEBRITY KID NAMES

Celebrities have always gotten more than a little creative when it comes to naming their kids. Take Gwen Stefani and Gavin Rossdale, for example, who reportedly named their sons Kingston and Zuma, after where each boy was conceived. Here are some of the wilder names celebrities have given their kids:

Ashlee Simpson and Pete Wentz

► Bronx Mowgli



David and Victoria Beckham

► Brooklyn, Romeo and Cruz

Jason Lee

► Pilot Inspektor

Nicolas Cage

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► Jourdynn, Jaafar and Jermajesty



Muslims seek to reconcile Islamic, western adoption law to find homes for orphans

Eggs for dinner, with style

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► Brie and sourdough bread give 'egg on toast' a new sophistication

There are those nights when breakfast is the only way dinner is going to get on the table.

But that doesn't doom you to a bowl of cold cereal in front of the television. There are plenty of easy ways to add a dinner-like sophistication — or at least satisfaction — to your breakfast staples. And that was the inspiration for this rich and cheesy take on eggs and toast.

I started with a thick slab of sourdough pan-toasted in butter. If you insist, you could cut the fat by using olive oil cooking spray in the pan instead. Then I added an egg to the pan and a slab of brie to the bread. When the egg was cooked, but the yolk was still a bit runny, I placed it on top of the brie.

And I called it dinner. And it was scrumptious in an almost disturbingly

Ingredients:

- Start to finish: 10 minutes
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) butter
- 1 thick slice sourdough bread
- 1 egg
- Salt and ground black pepper, to taste
- 1 thick slab brie (about 60 g/2 oz)
- 1 sprig fresh thyme

good way.

It got me thinking that this same dish could be recast as a finger food for holiday parties, too. For that, I would roll out a bag of pizza dough as thinly as possible, brush it with some olive oil or melted butter, then pop it in the oven. When it was nearly cooked, pull it out, top it with brie and crack a few eggs on it, then return it to the oven until the eggs are ready.



► Pan-toasted sourdough with brie and fried egg.

Toasty Brie and Egg

Preparation:

- 1 In a large skillet over medium-high, melt butter.

- 2 Place bread in skillet and toast until bottom is crispy and just turning golden, 3 to 4 minutes. Flip bread to toast other side, pushing it to one side of the pan. Crack egg into other

side of pan. Season it with salt and pepper.

- 3 About 1 minute before egg is cooked to desired doneness, place brie on bread. Use a spatula to transfer egg,

sunny side up, onto brie. Cover skillet and cook for another minute. Garnish with thyme and serve immediately. Makes 1 serving.

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known. But off the coasts of countries like Angola, the figure is 90 per cent."

Experts found almost 200 new crabs, shrimps and prawns. "Rainforests have a reputation for biodiversity, but most of the species are insects," explains Prof. Paul Tyler, a marine scientist from Southampton University. "By contrast, there's an extremely wide range of animals in the ocean."

Billett discovered new sea

cucumbers, a common marine animal in the Indian ocean. "The deep waters aren't dull places where nothing happens."

The most charming discovery may be the osedax, discovered by the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute in California. This seabed creature looks like a wig with pink twigs sprouting out. But the osedax's diet proves to be less enchanting: it feeds on whale bones.



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Question: I had a look at the list of 12 ingredients the David Suzuki Foundation suggests I avoid in my cosmetics. Now that I've found toxic ingredients like fragrance and parabens in almost everything, I'm not sure how to dispose of the products I no longer want. I don't want to pour them down the drain, so should I take them to the dump?

Lisa of Toronto

Identifying the "Dirty Dozen" ingredients to avoid in your cosmetics and personal-care products is a huge first step in going green.

Now that you've done your homework — reading the fine-print ingredient lists with their numerous complex chemical names — it's natural to want to turf everything overnight.

And you're not alone. Almost 80 per cent of products reported in our spring survey contained at least one of the "Dirty Dozen" ingredients. They are that widespread.

When it comes to disposal, you were right to

question how to dispose of them.

One option is to consider finishing up what you have and then buying a safer alternative without harmful ingredients next time.

If you'd rather stop using your products today, find out if your city considers personal-care products to be household hazardous waste. The City of Toronto's website, at toronto.ca/garbage, has some helpful information about disposing of unwanted household hazardous waste.

No matter where you live, check out your city's website for more tips on disposal.

A final option is to take a stand and mail your product back to the manufacturer.

Include a note explaining your reason, and then ask them to sign the Compact for Safe Cosmetics.



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Edmonton and Area Land Trust Partners With Melcor

The new Larch Park development is breaking ground soon and Edmontonians will have the opportunity to envelop themselves in a community focused on green developments, natural preservation and a relationship with nature and neighbourhood.

One of the interesting aspects about the Larch Park development is its commitment to the unique environment it merges into. Melcor, the developer for the region, took the initiative to work with conservation organizations in the city to protect the hanging wetlands and park area adjacent to the development.

Melcor's goal was to incorporate the natural landscape with the new community. One of these organizations is the Edmonton and Area Land Trust (EALT).

Pam Wight first came in contact with Melcor three years ago when they approached the EALT to have the land preserved for the benefit of the immediate residents and citizens.

Wight and other members of the Land Trust are keenly aware of the unique ecosystem adjacent to the development area.

"We are particularly interested in that land because it is so special," said Wight.

"We were extra-delighted to discover that the developers themselves were proposing a very green development. It's a pleasant surprise and yet doesn't surprise me just because of how

much they've been going to bat working with us."

Keeping the land protected in perpetuity means the land is safe from future development and will have higher safeguards protecting the area and its vicinity.

"They used volunteers a great deal, and are efficient with scarce resources when it comes to stewarding, making sure weeds are minimized as well as monitoring," said Wight.

One of the surprising outcomes of the relationship between Melcor and EALT is a program developed by King's University College and Wight. One of the professors from the college contacted EALT about finding a project for a group of environmental students that has meaning for them.

"In effect, the students are learning how to do consulting work through a project. They're being given something that matters and has volume," she said.

Wight has also spearheaded an online gallery for the Edmonton area that showcases the artwork and photography of local enthusiasts passionate about our natural landscape.

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A JOURNEY OF A THOUSAND MILES

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“A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step.” The famous Chinese philosopher, Lao Tzu, has inspired many travellers, but for Darren Weir his journey began as a young

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boy growing up in Edmonton when he dreamed about travelling around the world.

His turning point came when a 23-year relationship came to an end.

He took stock of his life and said, “I’ve got some money, my health, I’m single and turning 50.

If I don’t do it now, when will I?”

Weir expects the two year trip will cost him \$30,000 to \$40,000, and his goal is to pack in as much adventure as possible.

He’ll be taking a plane



▶ Darren Weir quit his television production job at CP24 in Toronto so he could travel across the globe for two years.

ride through the Himalayas, gliding down the Nile in a wooden boat, learning to dive in the Red Sea, taking in the Surin Elephant roundup, climbing Mt. Fuji and running the Great Wall Marathon in Beijing.

The last few months have been filled with a flurry of planning, inocula-

tions, obtaining visas and plane tickets.

He admits to only one tough moment and that was quitting his television production job at CP24 in Toronto.

Panic washed over him as he thought, “What have I done? Am I crazy?”

But his confidence returned quickly and now

Darren is just days away from embarking on a trip of a lifetime.

When he returns to Canada two years from now he wants to be able to say, “I did it. I lived my dream.”

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Youth tackle climate issues

▶ Young Canadians head to Cancun for UN climate talks ▶ Younger voices look to add perspective on the importance of dealing with environmental issues now ▶ Worried that green issues get ignored by politicians

Jonathan Williams says for young Canadians there is an odd mix of optimism and frustration as they try to tackle the daunting challenge of climate change, despite some recent political opinions cooling to the idea.

The 22-year-old student is preparing to be a “voice” for teens and 20-somethings as global policy makers meet for UN climate talks at the end of the month.

“Young people are going to have to be dealing with this situation for the rest of (their) lives,” said Williams, adding the consequences of global warming will be left for his generation to clean up, if nothing is done.

“Whether or not we’ll be heard by policy makers now, I can’t say,” he added.

Williams is among a group of 29 young Canadians between 18 and 29 years old who will attend the United Nations Climate Change Negotiations (COP16) in Cancun, Mexico, at the end of November as part of a non-partisan



youth delegation. Representatives from more than 190 countries are expected to attend, and the goal is to produce a blueprint for a new climate deal to replace or complement the Kyoto Protocol.

But heading into the summit, which runs Nov. 29 through Dec. 10, the political climate on addressing the environment has been rather chilly.

Jim Prentice resigned as environment minister less

than a month before Canadian delegates head south.

In the U.S., a Republican mid-term victory dashed hopes for climate change legislation, following a sentiment among many stateside that climate change isn’t the No. 1 priority.

And officials on both sides of the border have been playing down a deal in Cancun.

“A lot of the time people look at the political is-

sues and they don’t see the environment as something that’s cross-cutting, that affects everyone,” said Emilie Novaczek, 20, another youth delegate, originally from Breadalbane, P.E.I., but now attending school in Halifax.

Novaczek called it “distressing” that the environment is frequently “dropped” as a political issue.

“I think that happens all the time,” said No-

vaczek, citing the U.S. as an example. “(U.S. President Barack) Obama had to choose between health care and climate change, basically.”

During the conference, Novaczek and her peers will try to spread awareness about what’s negotiated and say they will let Canadians back home

know about their country’s position.

The group will also submit policy proposals and positions, arguing there needs to be sufficient money so there are no loopholes in measuring, reporting and verification when it comes to an agreement.

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Russell Peters' degree

Comedian gets an honorary degree for his observations on race, class and culture Admits school wasn't important for him



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School was never a strong point for Toronto's claim to comedic fame – the irreverent Russell Peters.

Yet, the multimillion-dollar grossing comic, whose brazen critiques of ethnicity and class captivate international audiences, finally got a degree.

Well OK, it's an honorary one. He didn't have to take any tests to get it, but still.

The School of Creative and Performing Arts at the Humber Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning recently presented him with an honorary degree for his keen observations on race, class and culture, and for his support of young talent.

This year, Peters launched a \$20,000 scholarship for a student from his former high school,

North Peel Secondary, which focuses on technical skills and trades.

Metro Toronto caught up with Peters by email and asked him for his thoughts on the award, the importance of education, and his advice for aspiring performing artists.

What did you think when you heard the Humber School of Creative and Performing Arts was giving you an honorary degree?

I thought, "Wow, that's pretty cool!" But at the same time it's kind of ironic considering I didn't go to college and just squeaked through high-school.

When you were in school, what did you think you'd be when you grew up?

When I was 14, I wanted to be a breakdancer.

That was it, just a breakdancer.

What was the most important lesson you learned in school?

That the cool people in school aren't the cool people when you're finished school.

The cool crowd becomes the "tool" crowd.

Had your parents chosen a career path for you?

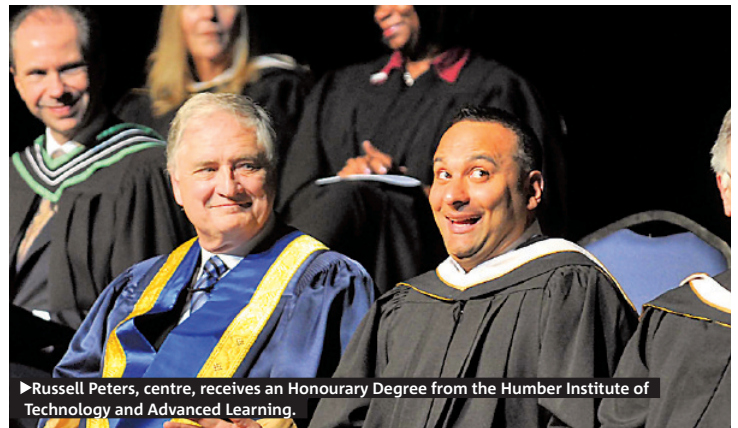
No, they didn't lay anything out for me. We were very working class, so my parents just wanted me to get a steady job, like a union job or something where there was security.

What did they think of you not going to college?

About becoming a comic instead?

They were fine with me not going to college – there was no pressure.

They didn't really understand what becoming a comic meant.



Russell Peters, centre, receives an Honorary Degree from the Humber Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning.

I might as well have said that I was going to be an astronaut. They were like, "That's nice, son..."

You didn't need higher education to be successful and have a rewarding career, yet you recently developed a scholarship for a high-achieving student planning to go to

college.

Why do you think education is so important?

For me it wasn't important.

I felt like the system wasn't really made for kids like me – I had ADD and needed extra help, but the teachers were more focused on the kids

who were "getting it," instead of the kids who weren't.

That all changed when I switched schools and went to North Peel Secondary. That was the first time I felt like I fit in and that the teachers took the time to pay attention to kids like me.

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Texting students, irritated profs

► Smartphones in classrooms are driving teachers — and students — to distraction, suggests new study

When his professors drone, Dan Kautz whips out his phone.

Kautz, a senior at Wilkes University in Pennsylvania, might send a text message to someone across the room — “I can’t wait to get out of here” — or make plans with his roommates. He’s become so adept at texting during class that he can tap out a message without even looking at the screen, making it appear as if he’s paying attention to the instructor when he’s really chatting with his girlfriend.

“Every single person I know texts in class at least occasionally,” said Kautz, a communications studies major from Pelham, N.Y.

It’s no surprise that high school and college students are obsessive texters. What alarms Wilkes psychology professors Deborah Tindell and Robert Bohlander is how rampant the practice has become during class. Their recent study shows that texting at the school has surpassed doodling, daydreaming and note-passing to become the top classroom distraction.

The phenomenon is part of a broader revolution in the way young adults communicate. Most prefer texting to email and certainly to talking on the phone, Tindell said.

Indeed, most view texting as their right.

Almost all the students surveyed by Tindell and Bohlander said they should be allowed to have their phones in class. And a clear majority — 62 per cent —

said they should be allowed to text in class as long as they’re not disturbing those around them. About one in four said texting creates a distraction.

Tindell instituted a no-texting policy as a result of the study, which has been presented at a pair of academic conferences. She tells students that if she even sees a cellphone during a test, its owner gets an automatic zero.

One Syracuse University professor has taken an even harsher stand.

Laurence Thomas, a popular philosophy professor whose courses have waiting lists, walked out on his class of nearly 400 students last week when he caught a couple of students fiddling with their phones instead of paying attention to him.

It wasn’t the first time Thomas has cut a class short because a student broke his no-texting rule. To Thomas, texting saps the class of its intellectual energy.

“My job is to engage the class, to give them stuff to

think about,” he said. “They need to respect that.”

While Thomas keeps his eyes peeled for illicit texters, Tindell said most professors are likely as clueless as she used to be about the ubiquity of in-class cell-

phone use. Many of the surveyed students said their professors would be shocked if they knew about their texting habits.

Chelsea Uselding, 20, a Wilkes junior from Chicago, sends an average of 150 texts a day. But she’s the

rare student who doesn’t text during class — viewing that hour or two as a “nice break” from the phone and its unceasing demands on her time and attention.

There’s also a practical reason why Uselding, a dual major in psychology

and international studies, idles her thumbs.

“I’m paying all this money to listen to the person speak, and I figure it’s a waste of my time if I’m not going to be listening,” she said.

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November Reign

Als capture Grey Cup

► Montreal Alouettes kicker Damon Duval, right, is congratulated by teammate Ben Cahoon after kicking a field goal during the fourth quarter last night.

Avon Cobourne shut the door on the Saskatchewan Roughriders.

Cobourne ran for two touchdowns, including a key two-yard scamper, to power the Montreal Alouettes to a compelling 21-18 win over Saskatchewan in the 98th Grey Cup yesterday.

Cobourne helped Montreal to a second straight Grey Cup win over Saskatchewan following last year's stunning victory. In the 2009 final, Damon Duval missed from 43 yards out on the final play, only to get a second chance after the Riders were called for too many men on the field.

Duval then hit from 33 yards out to give Montreal the 28-27 win.

Montreal earned its third Grey Cup win in eight appearances since 2000.

Despite several trips to the final and two straight titles, Alouettes coach Marc Trestman wasn't about to call his team a dynasty.

"We decided early on we



weren't going to be the defending champions nor would be in a position to repeat as a team," Trestman said. "The guys bought into it, they truly believed that they had to earn it on their own merit. We went up against the best that the league had for us and were able to find our way through adversity much of the time."

Montreal receiver Jamel Richardson, who caught eight passes for 109 yards, was named the game MVP while Saskatchewan defensive lineman Keith Sholo-

Richardson, who put up over 100 yards for the third straight Grey Cup, was the first receiver to win the MVP award since Edmonton's Jason Tucker in 2003.

"It's not about me, it's about those guys in the locker-room," Richardson said.

"I didn't do it for me, I did it for them. That's all that mattered going into the game, doing it for the next person. That was our thing going into this game."

With Commonwealth Stadium again a sea of Roughriders green, the Riders stayed in the game due to a Duval miss. With Montreal up 21-18, Duval couldn't connect from 41 yards out.

Saskatchewan returned the ball to its own 16-yard line with roughly 90 seconds remaining, giving the sellout gathering of 63,317, a Edmonton Grey Cup record, a wild finish.

Saskatchewan pulled to within 21-18 on Darian Durant's one-yard TD pass to



"I'm really proud of my players. We battled a really good Montreal team."

ROUGHRIDERS COACH KEN MILLER

Marc Parenteau at 11:52 of the fourth. It was set up by a 31-yard reception by Andy Fantuz to put the Riders on the Alouettes' one-yard line.

Montreal countered by driving to the Saskatchewan 33-yard line, only to have Duval miss and give the Riders another chance. But there would be no comeback victory as Billy Parker intercepted Durant's desperate toss at the Saskatchewan 37-yard line with under 56 seconds remaining. It was the only turnover of the game.

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Calvillo says he has lesion in throat

Grey Cup winning quarterback Anthony Calvillo says he will undergo surgery in the next few weeks to have a lesion in his throat removed.

Calvillo says doctors found the lesion after he was hurt in a game against Winnipeg earlier this year.

He says they told him biopsy results on whether it was cancerous were inconclusive, but they told him he could finish out the year.

He says the surgery will see half of his thyroid gland removed.

If the tests come back as being benign, Calvillo says he could be ready to play football next year.

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► Atlanta Falcons receiver Roddy White (84) is lifted by teammate Harvey Dahl after the Falcons kicked a field goal in the closing seconds to give them a 20-17 win over the Green Bay Packers yesterday.

Kicker makes twice look nice

► Makes good on kick despite Packers attempt to ice

Matt Bryant kicked it right between the uprights, then he did it all over again.

The second one counted, giving the NFC-leading Atlanta Falcons a 20-17 win over the Green Bay Packers in a game yesterday between playoff contenders that lived up to the hype.

Bryant's second-chance 47-yard field goal — the Packers called timeout just before he made the first attempt — with nine seconds remaining capped a bruising defensive struggle filled with huge fourth-down plays, pushing Atlanta (9-2) to its fifth straight win. It's Atlanta's

20 17
FALCONS PACKERS

longest winning streak since 1998 and assures a third straight winning season for a franchise that had never even had two in a row before this run.

Of course, the Falcons have much higher aspirations sitting atop the conference standings with five weeks to go.

Aaron Rodgers guided Green Bay (7-4) on a 90-yard drive to tie the game

with 56 seconds remaining. He converted a pair of fourth-down passes, including a 10-yard touch-down pass to Jordy Nelson that made it 17-17.

But Eric Weems broke loose on the kickoff return and was dragged down by Matt Wilhelm with a facemask tackle. The Falcons took over at the Green Bay 49, Matt Ryan completed four straight short passes and Bryant made the winning kick.

Michael Turner, who rushed for 110 yards, put the Falcons ahead 17-10 in the opening minute of the fourth quarter.

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TENNIS

Nadal falls to Federer

Roger Federer turned his high-profile, season-ending match against Rafael Nadal into little more than an exhibition.

Federer gave his rival little chance to mount a challenge in the 22nd meeting between two of the greatest players of all time, winning his fifth

season-ending title 6-3, 3-6, 6-1 at the ATP World Tour Finals on Sunday.

Federer won an incredible 92 per cent of the points played on his first serve in the final, and lost only 13 points on serve the entire match.

"I was able to stay offensive. Rafael was never that long," Federer said. "That kind of maybe frustrated him."

Nadal appeared to tire as the match wore on.

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► Roger Federer

Canada's sliders take silver

Canada claimed a silver medal in the team event yesterday at the season-opening luge World Cup.

Alex Gough, fellow Calgarian Sam Edney and the 19-year-old doubles teammates Tristan Walker of Cochrane, Alta., and Justin Smith of Calgary posted a combined time of two minutes 10.340 seconds.

The German team won with a total time of 2:09.519. Italy finished just behind Canada for third at 2:10.431. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Washington	25	17	6	1	1	86	68	36	12-1-0-1	5-5-1-0	6-2-1-1	W3
d-Philadelphia	25	15	6	2	2	87	61	34	9-4-0-1	6-2-2-1	6-2-0-2	L2
d-Montreal	24	15	8	1	0	60	47	31	9-4-1-0	6-4-0-0	7-3-0-0	W1
Pittsburgh	25	15	8	2	0	76	61	32	7-5-1-0	8-3-1-0	8-1-1-0	W6
Tampa Bay	24	13	8	2	1	73	78	29	6-2-1-1	7-6-1-0	5-4-0-1	L2
NY Rangers	25	14	10	1	0	73	66	29	5-6-1-0	9-4-0-0	7-3-0-0	W2
Atlanta	24	12	9	1	2	80	75	27	8-5-0-1	4-4-1-1	6-4-0-0	W5
Boston	22	12	8	0	2	59	46	26	4-5-0-2	8-3-0-0	4-5-0-1	L2
Carolina	25	10	10	0	3	70	74	23	5-4-0-1	5-6-0-2	4-3-0-3	L1
Ottawa	24	11	12	1	0	57	71	23	7-5-0-0	4-7-1-0	4-6-0-0	W1
Buffalo	25	9	13	3	0	62	73	21	4-8-1-0	5-5-1-0	5-4-1-0	L1
Florida	22	10	12	0	0	57	57	20	5-5-0-0	5-7-0-0	5-5-0-0	W1
Toronto	22	8	11	1	2	48	61	19	6-4-1-1	2-7-0-1	3-4-0-1	L2
New Jersey	24	8	14	1	1	45	69	18	4-5-1-1	4-9-0-0	4-4-0-1	W1
NY Islanders	22	5	12	3	2	49	75	15	3-4-1-1	2-8-2-1	1-7-1-1	W1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Detroit	21	15	4	1	1	73	56	32	10-1-1-1	5-3-0-0	7-2-1-0	W2
d-Dallas	22	13	8	0	1	64	61	27	8-3-0-1	5-5-0-0	5-4-0-1	W3
d-Vancouver	22	12	7	1	2	68	59	27	8-2-0-1	4-5-1-1	5-4-1-0	W2
Columbus	22	14	8	0	0	62	53	28	6-6-0-0	8-2-0-0	6-4-0-0	L2
Chicago	26	13	11	1	1	79	74	28	5-7-0-0	8-4-1-1	5-4-0-1	W2
St. Louis	22	12	7	1	2	57	57	27	8-1-0-1	4-6-1-1	4-5-0-1	L2
Phoenix	22	11	6	4	1	66	45	27	5-3-2-1	6-3-2-0	7-1-1-1	L1
Colorado	23	13	9	1	0	83	71	27	7-4-0-0	5-6-1-0	5-5-0-0	W1
Los Angeles	22	13	9	0	0	63	55	26	8-2-0-0	5-7-0-0	4-4-0-0	L3
San Jose	22	11	7	4	0	65	63	26	7-3-2-0	4-4-2-0	5-2-3-0	W1
Anaheim	25	11	11	2	1	64	75	24	7-4-0-1	4-7-2-0	4-4-2-0	W1
Minnesota	22	11	9	0	2	56	62	24	7-5-0-1	4-4-0-1	5-5-0-0	L1
Nashville	22	9	8	3	2	51	60	23	3-1-3-2	6-7-0-0	4-4-0-2	L4
Calgary	23	9	12	1	1	64	69	20	5-5-0-0	4-7-1-1	3-5-1-1	L1
Edmonton	22	6	12	1	3	55	88	16	3-6-0-1	3-6-1-2	2-4-1-1	L1

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Yesterday's results

Washington 3 Carolina 2 (SO)

Atlanta 4 Boston 1

Detroit 4 Columbus 2

Saturday's results

Montreal 3 Buffalo 1

Ottawa 3 Toronto 0

Pittsburgh 4 Calgary 1

San Jose 4 Edmonton 3

Anaheim 6 Phoenix 4

Chicago 2 Los Angeles 1

Colorado 7 Minnesota 4

Dallas 2 St. Louis 1

Florida 4 Tampa Bay 3 (SO)

New Jersey 2 Philadelphia 1 (SO)

N.Y. Rangers 2 Nashville 1 (SO)

Tonight's games

(All times Eastern)

Pittsburgh at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.

Dallas at Carolina, 7 p.m.

Edmonton at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.

Minnesota at Calgary, 9 p.m.

Los Angeles at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

Tomorrow's games

Tampa Bay at Toronto, 7 p.m.

Phoenix at Nashville, 8 p.m.

St. Louis at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.

Atlanta at Colorado, 9:30 p.m.

Detroit at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Crosby, Pgh	18	22	40
Stamkos, TB	21	18	39
Ovechkin, Wash	10	22	32
Sevin, Wash	18	12	30
St. Louis, TB	8	21	29
B.Richards, Dal	11	17	28
Sharp, Chi	15	12	27
D.Sedin, Vcr	13	14	27
E.Staal, Car	11	16	27
Backstrom, Wash	9	18	27
H.Sedin, Vcr	2	25	27
Perry, Ana	11	15	26
Hejduk, Col	8	18	26
C.Stewart, Col	11	14	25
Byfuglien, Atl	9	16	25
M.Richards, Pha	9	16	25
Getzlaf, Ana	7	18	25
Heatley, SJ	11	13	24
Eriksson, Dal	10	14	24
P.Kane, Chi	9	15	24
Roy, Buf	9	15	24
Ladd, Atl	8	16	24
Datsyuk, Det	7	17	24
Giroux, Pha	12	11	23
Plekanec, Mtl	8	15	23
Letang, Pgh	5	18	23
Liles, Col	4	19	23
Ryan, Ana	12	10	22
P.Stastny, Col	9	13	22
J.Williams, LA	9	13	22
Selanne, Ana	8	14	22
J.Thornton, SJ	6	16	22
Havlat, Minn	5	17	22
Marleau, SJ	10	11	21
Kopitar, LA	8	13	21
Malikin, Pgh	7	14	21
Duchene, Col	6	15	21

TENNIS

ATP WORLD TOUR FINALS

At London

Singles

Championship

Roger Federer (2), Switzerland, def. Rafael Nadal (1), Spain, 6-3, 6-6, 6-1.

Doubles

Daniel Nestor, Toronto, and Nenad Zimonjic (2), Serbia, def. Mahesh Bhupathi, India, and Max Mirnyi (3), Belarus, 7-6 (6), 6-4.

TRANSACTIONS

BASKETBALL

NBA

LEAGUE OFFICE — Fined Cleveland coach Byron Scott \$35,000 for publicly criticizing game officials after Friday's game against Orlando.

HOCKEY

AHL

BRIDGEPORT SOUND TIGERS — Signed F Eric Castonguay.

SOCCER

ENGLAND

PREMIER LEAGUE

Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Man United	15	8	7	0	35	16	31
Chelsea	15	9	2	4	29	10	29
Arsenal	15	9	2	4	32	17	29
Man City	15	7	5	3	20	12	26
Tottenham	15	7	4	4	23	20	25
Bolton	15	5	8	2	28	22	23
Sunderland	15	4	8	3	19	18	20
Stoke	15	6	2	7	19	20	20
Newcastle	15	5	4	6	23	22	19
Liverpool	15	5	4	6	17	19	19
Blackpool	15	5	4	6	23	29	19
West Brom	15	5	4	6	20	26	19
Blackburn	15	5	3	7	18	25	18
Birmingham	15	3	8	4	16	18	17
Aston Villa	15	4	5	6	17	24	17
Everton	15	3	7	5	17	19	16
Fulham	15	2	9	4	15	18	15
Wigan	15	3	5	7	11	26	14
Wolverhampton	15	3	3	9	17	27	12
West Ham	15	2	6	7	14	26	12

Yesterday's results

Newcastle 1 Chelsea 1

Tottenham 2 Liverpool 1

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

Yesterday's result

Norwich 4 Ipswich 1

GERMANY

BUNDESLIGA

Yesterday's results

Cologne 1 Wolfsburg 1

Werder Bremen 3 St. Pauli 0

SCOTLAND

Yesterday's results

Dundee United vs. Rangers (ppd., frozen pitch)

Motherwell vs. Hearts (ppd., frozen pitch)

GOLF

DUBAI WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

At Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Par 72

First Round

(c-won on second playoff hole)

x-Robert Karlsson 65-75-67-67—274

Ian Poulter 69-66-69-70—274

Lee Westwood 72-67-69-67—275

Alvaro Quiros 71-72-66-67—276

Rory McIlroy 70-67-71-69—277

Paul Casey 72-69-67-70—277

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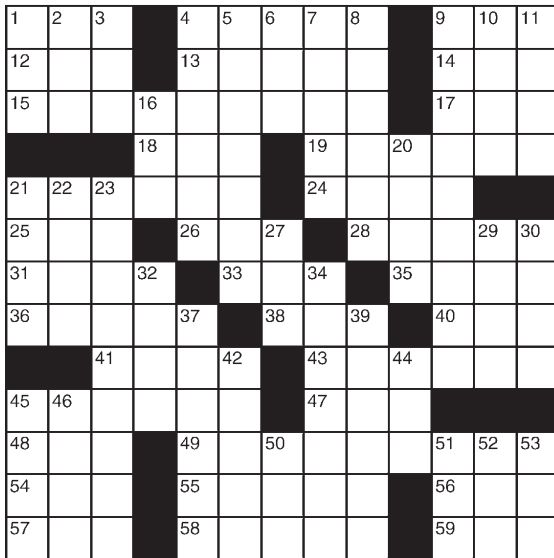
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New Jersey	6	11	.353	6½
Toronto	6	11	.353	6½
Philadelphia	4	13	.235	8½

Crossword

Across

1 Harbor boat
4 Commandment verb
9 Unborn fish
12 Gentle — lamb
13 Synagogue scroll
14 Sample of 9-Across
15 Light yellow color
17 Historic time
18 One's years
19 Cajoled
21 "Das Lied von der Erde" composer
24 Humor writer
25 Cassius Clay, now
26 Used a shovel
28 Mideast nation
31 Disarray
33 Gist
35 Faction
36 "— World Turns"
38 1773 jetsam
40 Little louse
41 Has a bug
43 Winter weather forecasts
45 Obligate
47 Conger, for one
48 Sapporo sash
49 Find out
54 Triumphed
55 Legislate
56 Zodiac feline
57 Appomattox also-ran
58 Farmer frosh
59 Barbie's companion



Down

1 — Mahal
2 Work with
3 Petrol
4 Put on a show
5 Four-bagger
6 "Entourage" agent
7 Jousting weapon
8 Speculation
9 Double-check
10 Shrek is one
11 "Zounds!"
16 Bando of baseball
20 Iowa city
21 "I Remember —"
22 Pub orders
23 Zyrtec target
27 Eviscerate
29 Tend texts
30 Profits
32 Thin wedge of wood
34 Implore

37 Drops a sound
39 Warnings
42 Office worker
44 Shade tree
45 Batman's hood
46 Reed instrument
50 Noisy dance style
51 Sort
52 Born
53 A billion years

► Yesterday's answer



Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20

You'll do anything to escape a situation you find restrictive in the extreme. But in fleeing one prison, you may find yourself trapped by another. Bide your time.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 20

You sometimes find it hard to share information, even when you know that you should. Today, be open with everyone you meet, especially if there is money at stake. Honesty is by far the best policy.

♊ Gemini May 21-June 21

Be warned: If you try to force your will on other people today your strategy will backfire. It could also be you who ends up being moved around like a pawn or a puppet on a string.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22

When dreaming, make sure you have at least some chance of reaching the goals you set. Some things are simply beyond your powers to manifest at the moment, so don't get carried away.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23

No matter how hard you try, you can't seem to get through to certain people. It's as if there is a wall that cannot be moved. Perhaps you should take the hint and stop trying so hard.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22

You may be tempted to move things along at a faster pace today but is that such a good idea? Speed does not necessarily equate with success. Control your impatience.

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♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23

Setbacks and delays are to be expected over the next 24 hours, and people's nerves are sure to be frayed. Don't add to a negative situation by losing your cool as well.

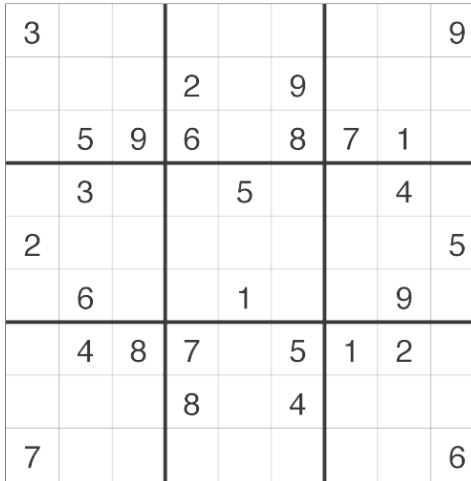
♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Don't let your guard down today because there are people out there who are waiting for a chance to take advantage of you, emotionally as well as financially. Stay alert to what is going on around you.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21

Today it will be difficult for you to get motivated — either that or you will try too hard and act too quickly and make a costly mistake.

Sudoku



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ►

3	1	9	2	4	6	8	7	5
5	7	6	8	1	3	2	4	9
2	4	8	7	5	9	1	6	3
9	2	1	4	7	8	3	5	6
7	6	5	3	2	1	4	9	8
4	8	3	9	6	5	7	2	1
1	9	2	5	3	4	6	8	7
6	5	4	1	8	7	9	3	2
8	3	7	6	9	2	5	1	4

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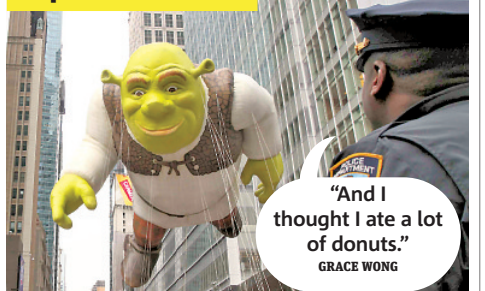
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TUESDAY Min -14° Max -9°
WEDNESDAY Min -14° Max -4°

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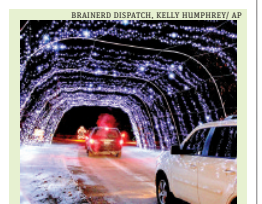


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